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With regards to the Tunney Act;

Dear DOJ Participants in The Microsoft Settlement,

I know you feel you have the welfare of the common man at heart with your decision making, regarding the Microsoft Suit, and I say, "God bless you for your concern." But, correct me if I am wrong, did not all tech stocks in general take a fall upon the outset of the MS suit? And has it not continued to plunge even further discounting 9-11-01?

Now I am by no means a rocket scientist, an economist or, "thank God", a lawyer but I am able to see that this absurd suit against innovative free enterprise has had a decidedly adverse affect on my world. I repeat, MY WORLD!!!

Now, more than ever, my beloved USA needs strong economic factors to bolster it as we teeter on the edge of untold disaster. In God's name, why would any entity tamper with the economics of the company that started it all as well as continues it? Look around you. You may not personally be affected but if you take the power hungry glare from your stare you will see countless others who are drastically affected by the MS Suit and our common state of the day. Could you sleep at night knowing that you drove the final nail into the coffin? I think not.

Leave Microsoft intact where it can continue to be the Flagship of our great nations technical infrastructure. If we are to overcome the current economic crises we must continue to lead the way in information and technology. If a fourth of a company is good in your thinking then a whole company is fortuitous beyond belief for this country.

I thank you for taking the time to read this and I apologize if I have offended you in any manner, but in my defense, the actions against Microsoft that are being bandied by the Department of Justice are an offense to me, my country and the capitalist spirit which has made the United States the greatest nation in the universe.

Use your powers to be wise not vindictive.

Best regards,

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It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt.

John Philpot Curran: "Speech upon the Right of Election", 1790.  
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